

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to their representative during the interview held on June 9, 2010. During the interview, the Examiner discussed a possible declaration that could be provided to overcome the rejections of claims 1-4. As provided below, claims 1-4 have been cancelled in order to expedite prosecution of allowed claims 6-10. However, applicants still maintain that claims 1-4 are patentable and expressly reserve the right to pursue these claims in one or more continuation applications.

The Examiner has objected to claims 6-10 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but has indicated that these claims would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 6, 8 and 10 have been rewritten into independent form and are, therefore, allowable. Claims 7, 9, 11 and 12 are dependent upon these allowable claims and are allowable for at least the same reasons. Note that new claims 11 and 12 simply include limitations from dependent claim 2. New claims 11 and 12 depend from claims 6 and 10 respectively. Claims 6 and 10 previously included the limitations of claim 2 in the alternative. Accordingly, these new claims do not present new matter or new issues for the Examiner to consider and should be entered after final.

Claims 1-4 have been cancelled. Accordingly, the rejection involving these claims is now moot.

In view of the above, each of the claims in this application is in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and

authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. **358362011400**.

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